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S. 629

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to provide direct and guaranteed loans, loan guarantees, and grants to complete the construction and rehabilitation of rural critical access hospitals.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 15, 2007

Mr. COLEMAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. LOANS, LOAN GUARANTEES, AND GRANTS FOR**
4 **RURAL CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL RECON-**
5 **STRUCTION AND REHABILITATION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 306(a) of the Consoli-
7 dated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
8 1926(a)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1)—

2 (A) by designating the first through fifth
3 sentences as subparagraphs (A) through (E),
4 respectively; and

5 (B) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(F) LOANS AND LOAN GUARANTEES FOR
7 RURAL CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL RECON-
8 STRUCTION AND REHABILITATION.—Notwith-
9 standing any other provision of law, the Sec-
10 retary shall use such sums as are necessary of
11 the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation
12 for the cost of making community facility direct
13 and guaranteed loans under this paragraph, in
14 a total amount of not to exceed an additional
15 \$1,600,000,000 for the period of fiscal years
16 2008 through 2012, to complete the construc-
17 tion and rehabilitation of critical access hos-
18 pitals (as defined in section 1861(mm) of the
19 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(mm))).”;
20 and

21 (2) in paragraph (19), by adding at the end the
22 following:

23 “(D) GRANTS FOR RURAL CRITICAL AC-
24 CESS HOSPITAL RECONSTRUCTION AND REHA-
25 BILITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-

1 sion of law, of the funds of the Commodity
 2 Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall make
 3 available an additional \$5,000,000 for the pe-
 4 riod of fiscal years 2008 through 2012 to make
 5 essential community facility grants under this
 6 paragraph to complete the construction and re-
 7 habilitation of critical access hospitals (as de-
 8 fined in section 1861(mm) of the Social Secu-
 9 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(mm))).”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 306 of the
 11 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
 12 1926) (as amended by subsection (a)(1)) is amended—

13 (1) by striking “SEC. 306. (a)(1)(A) The Sec-
 14 retary is also authorized to” and inserting the fol-
 15 lowing:

16 **“SEC. 306. WATER, WASTE DISPOSAL, AND COMMUNITY FA-**
 17 **CILITY LOANS, LOAN GUARANTEES, AND**
 18 **GRANTS.**

19 “(a) AUTHORITY.—

20 “(1) WATER, WASTE DISPOSAL, AND COMMU-
 21 NITY FACILITIES.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may”;

23 (2) by striking “(B) The Secretary may also”
 24 and inserting the following:

1 “(B) RURAL EMPOWERMENT ZONES AND
 2 RURAL ENTERPRISE COMMUNITIES.—The Sec-
 3 retary may”;

4 (3) by striking “(C) The Secretary may also”
 5 and inserting the following:

6 “(C) ELECTRIC BORROWERS.—The Sec-
 7 retary may”;

8 (4) by striking “(D) When any” and inserting
 9 the following:

10 “(D) GROSS INCOME.—If any”; and

11 (5) by striking “(E) With respect” and insert-
 12 ing the following:

13 “(E) BOND COUNSEL.—With respect”.

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